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Wills.

Joseph Nicolls' last will and testament.  
Filed March 10th. 1885.

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Know all men by these presents, that I Joseph Nicolls, of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, but temporarily resident in Baltimore City, do hereby make, publish, pronounce and declare this paper or instrument of writing to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

Item first - I give and bequeath unto my dear wife, Henrietta Nicolls, all my personal property -

Item second - I give and devise unto my dear wife, Henrietta Nicolls, for and during the term of her natural life only, all my real estate, consisting of a parcel of land, near the town of Cambridge, conveyed to me in the year 1878 by Rider Henry -

After the death of my said dear wife, I give and devise unto my dear daughter Nisetta Nicolls, the house and out buildings on my said place, including the garden and enough ground to be laid off thereunto, say in a line from about twenty feet south of the dwelling house to the County road, and from the same distance in the rear of the dwelling straight across to the division fence between Dr. Chamberlaine and myself, then with said division line to the County road, then with County road to intersect first line given, being something less than a fourth part of my whole lot - In consideration of this devise I request that my said daughter Nisetta shall pay particular attention to her mother and see that she be well cared for during her life -

The remainder of my land is to be equally divided into three parts, the first choice of which parcels I give to my stepson, Robert H. Bennett; the second choice parcel to my son Daniel Nicolls, and the remaining parcel to my step-daughter Elizabeth Walker - all in fee simple -

In case any of these devisees should wish to improve their part, such division may be made during my wife's lifetime, if she be willing and consent thereto, and the devisees can build upon or otherwise improve his portion -

In case of any accident to Nisetta, then I want my step-daughter, Lizzie Walker, to take charge of and look to the comfort and welfare of my dear wife -

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal, this twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord eight hundred and eighty two - (1882.) -

Joseph Nicolls Seal.  
mark

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by Joseph Nicolls, the above named testator, as aed for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto-

A. J. Mobray  
R. G. Henry  
E. W. LeCompte

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 10th. day of March Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Edward W. LeCompte and made oath in the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Nicolls late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date-

And at the same time, personally appeared Edward W. LeCompte, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of Joseph Nicolls late of the said County, deceased, and made oath in the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; by making his mark thereto; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witness' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with Alfred J. Mobray and Robert G. Henry, the other subscribing witnesses, to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other-

Sworn to in open Court:

Certified by Solomon F. Kirwan Chief Justice of the Orphans' Court for Dorchester County-

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 10th. day of March Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Alfred J. Mobray and Robert G. Henry, two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of Joseph Nicolls late of the said County, deceased, and made oath in the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that they did see the said testator sign and seal the said will, by making his mark thereto; that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they together with Edward W. LeCompte, the other subscribing witness to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said

testator and in the presence of each other-

Sworn to in open Court:

Certified by E. W. LeCompte  
Register of Wills for Dorchester County-

Elizabeth Bramble's last will and testament.  
Filed June 23rd. A. D. 1885.

In the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Bramble of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, being weak and feeble but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following that is to say.

First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor herein after named my debts and funeral charges are to be paid out of my real Estate. I devise and bequeath as follows.

Item I gave and devise with William T. Windsor my only son his life time estate by his paying my burying expenses, the plantation where he now dwells, together with all the real estate that I now own and possess, namely, Paris containing 15 acres, "Chance" containing 25 acres Inley's chance and Inley's Venture containing 17 1/2 acres more or less to him the said William T. Windsor his present life and no longer, then at his death it shall go to my grand son William Hudson, Windsor by his paying unto my grand daughter Mary H. Windsor the sum of twenty five dollars to him the said William H. Windsor his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple-

Item I devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Kirwan all the cash money she has in hand of mine, to her the said Mary Ann Kirwan her heirs and assigns and no more.

Item I devise and bequeath unto my daughter Rhoda James Jones the following personal property to wit. one bed Bedstead and fixtures, two chest, four quilts and one counterpane together with the cash money or notes of hand if there should be any, to her the said Rhoda James Jones, her heirs and assigns-

and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William T. Windsor to be sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratified and confirming this and more other to be my

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last will and testament

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1885

Signed, sealed, published and  
declared by the above named Elizabeth  
Bramble as and for her last will and  
testament in our presence who at her  
request in her presence and in presence  
of each other have hereto set our hands,  
as witnesses hereto -

Elizabeth Bramble



J. T. Robinson

Alonzo P. Ross

Wash L. Todd

State of Maryland, Worcester County, to wit:

On the 23<sup>d</sup> day of June Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared  
James T. Robinson and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty  
God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last  
will and testament of Elizabeth Bramble late of the said County,  
deceased, was found by him among the private papers of the said deceased,  
since her decease, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and  
whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he  
knows of no other of a younger date -

And further, that he saw the said testatrix sign and seal the  
said will; that he heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same  
to be her last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said  
testatrix was, to the best of his apprehensions, of sound and disposing  
mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with Alonzo  
P. Ross and Wash L. Todd, the other subscribing witnesses, to the said  
will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence  
and at the request of the said testatrix and in the presence of each other -

Sworn to in open Court;

certified by E. W. Lebornyke

Register of Wills for Worcester County -

State of Maryland, Worcester County, to wit:

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared  
Alonzo P. Ross and Wash L. Todd, two of the subscribing witnesses, to  
the foregoing last will and testament of Elizabeth Bramble late of the  
said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty  
God that they, and each of them, did see the testatrix therein named  
sign and seal the said will; that they heard her publish, pronounce  
and declare the same to be her last will and testament; that at the  
time of so doing she was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and  
disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they together  
with James T. Robinson, the other subscribing witness to the said  
will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses  
thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testatrix

and in the presence of each other -

certified by E. W. Lebornyke

Register of Wills for Worcester County -

Alexander Trice's last will and testament -

Filed March 10<sup>th</sup> 1885 -

In the name of God, Amen, I Alexander Trice of  
Worcester County in the State of Maryland, being weak in body and well  
advanced in years, but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding  
and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do  
therefore make publish and declare, my last will and testament in manner  
and form following, to wit:

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God  
who gives it, and my body to the earth to be decently interred, at the discretion  
of my family.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I devise and bequeath unto my two daughters Annie  
and Katurah all of my household furniture except what belongs to the  
kitchen, Also my Post laid up for family use my horse Frank, and  
the carriage and harness, the Bay Mare Flora Temple, and two cows of  
their own selection, to be theirs entirely, to have and hold and dispose of as their own.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I devise and bequeath the remainder of my personal  
estate, including the Policy of Insurance upon my life to my several  
children, after my wife's share is distributed, - namely James, A. Eugene  
A. and Francis, my Sons, and Annie, Katurah my daughters,  
hereof named, share and share alike.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> It is my will and desire and I hereby devise that my  
Real estate shall not be sold until the expiration of three years after my death,  
and that it shall be under the control and supervision of my Executors hereinafter  
named, for the benefit of all my heirs at law until the sale be made by my  
Executors after the expiration of three (3) years from the date of my death -

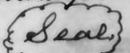
Item 4<sup>th</sup> If either of my children become dissatisfied and complain  
of the disposition I have made of my property he or she forfeit all interest  
or claim to any part of my estate -

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute my daughter Anna E. Trice and  
Katurah E. Trice to be sole Executors of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereto affixed my signature and  
seal, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made and declaring this and  
none other to be my last will and testament on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1885

Signed Sealed published and  
declared by the within named Testator  
Alexander Trice, as and for his last

Alexander Trice



Will and Testament before us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of such others have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

William Billups  
John W. Bradley  
W. S. Bradley

State of Maryland, Worcester County, to wit:

On the 10th day of March Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared William S. Bradley, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of Alexander Trice late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander Trice late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of any nature whatsoever.

And further, that he did see the said Alexander Trice sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witnesses' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with William Billups and John W. Bradley, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

I sworn to in open Court:

Certified by E. W. LeCompte

Register of Wills for Worcester County.

State of Maryland, Worcester County, to wit:

On the 18th day of March Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared William Billups, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of Alexander Trice late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witnesses' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with John W. Bradley and William S. Bradley, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by E. W. LeCompte

Register of Wills for Worcester County.

George W. Harpers last will and testament.  
Filed March 13th A.D. 1885.

In the name of God Amen, I, George W. Harper of Worcester County, in the State of Maryland, being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of God Almighty who first gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor herein after named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows,

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert all the lands Down in Park's Neck in said County, with of the following line, commencing at a locust post set near the head of a gut, or Cove that makes in from Charles Creek and from thence running South and Westerly with a straight line to another locust post, or until it intersects the division line between Levin Adams and the heirs of Archibald Adams and myself, and from thence N.W. running and binding with said division line to another locust Post at a gut, and from thence running and binding with said gut to a cove and no more of my real Estate, by my said son Robert paying his three sisters, Catharine, Frances, and Margaret Emly a legacy of one hundred and fifty dollars as follows, that is to say, ten hundred dollars to Catharine; Twenty five dollars to Frances, and Twenty five dollars to Margaret Emly.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances all the lands I own in Park's Neck contained within the following miles and bounds, commencing at a locust Post set near the head of a gut that makes in from Charles's Creek and from thence running South and Westerly with a straight line to another locust Post, or until it intersects the division line between Levin Adams and the heirs of Archibald Adams and myself, and from thence S.E. running and binding with said division line to another locust Post, and from thence running North and Easterly with a straight line to another locust Post set in the marsh near the edge of Charles's Creek and from thence running Northwardly and binding with said creek to the place of beginning, and no more of my real Estate.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Augustus, all my real Estate that is not already devised, by my said son Thomas Augustus paying his two Sisters Frances and Margaret Emly a legacy of seventy five dollars each.

I then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Permelia and Lloyd A. Phillips her husband the sum of Forty dollars between them I will say Twenty Dollars to each, to be paid them by my executor hereinafter named and no more of my real or personal Estate,

And lastly I, do hereby constitute and appoint my said son Robert my executor of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy Six

Signed, sealed, published and declared by George W. Harper the above named testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

his  
George W. Harper Seal.  
mark

Henry C. Woodland  
Matthew T. Tyler  
Thomas Barkley

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 13th. day of March Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Thomas A. Harper and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of George W. Harper late of the said County, deceased, was found by him among the private papers of the said George W. Harper, since his decease, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of any other date.

And at the same time, personally appeared Thomas Barkley, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of George W. Harper late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witness' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with Henry C. Woodland and Matthew T. Tyler, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in presence of each other.

Certified by E. W. LeCompte

Register of Wills, Dorchester County.

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 28th. day of April Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Matthew T. Tyler, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of George W. Harper late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witness' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with Henry C. Woodland and Thomas Barkley, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

Certified by E. W. LeCompte  
Register of Wills, Dorchester County.

Vachel J. Keene's last will and testament.  
Filed June 30th. A.D. 1885.

I Vachel Keene, of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First - I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses, be paid, as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executors.

Second - I give and bequeath to my son Lewis Bernard Keene the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid to the exclusion of all other legacies and devises hereinafter mentioned, to be used and applied by my Executors hereafter named and constituted, to defray the expenses of the education of my said son Lewis.

But if my said son Lewis should reach the age of twenty years before my death, then, in as much as his education will in all probability be completed, this legacy shall go and be distributed with and in the same manner, and as a part of the residue of my estate, whether mixed, real, or personal, that is to say, if the said Lewis should arrive at the said age, before my said death, then, this amount shall be distributed in the same manner to the same persons and under the same limitations as the property bequeathed and devised by the Fifth and Sixth Items of this my last will and testament.

Third - I give, bequeath and devise unto my wife Mary A. Keene, all the residue of my estate, real, mixed, and personal, of which I may die seized, and possessed, to be held and enjoyed by her, for and during the term of her natural life, subject to the limitations

and provisions herein after set forth.

**Fourth** - I empower and direct my Executors to collect all the money, due and owing to me at the time of my death, and to sell, as soon as may be convenient thereafter, all my personal property, and after the payment of my debts, funeral expenses, and the expenses of administration, and after the setting aside of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars as aforesaid for the education of my son Lewis Bernard, to invest the remainder of the money derived from said collection and said sale, in such manner, and in such securities as may be approved by the Orphans' Court of Dorchester County, and to collect and annually pay over the interest accruing thereon unto my said wife Mary A. Keene, for and during the term of her natural life.

**Fifth** - Upon the death of my said wife Mary A. Keene, or upon my death, if I should survive her, I give, bequeath, and devise unto my son Samuel J. A. Keene, one fourth part of all my estate, real, personal, and mixed, bequeathed and devised for life as aforesaid to my said wife; I give, bequeath, and devise one other fourth part thereof unto my daughter Eugenia M. A. Travers; and I give, bequeath, and devise one other fourth part thereof unto my son Lewis Bernard Keene.

**Sixth** - Upon the death of my said wife Mary A. Keene or upon my death if I should survive her, I give, bequeath, and devise, unto Samuel J. A. Keene and William M<sup>c</sup>Kendree Travers, the remaining fourth part of all my estate, real, personal and mixed, that is to say, the remaining fourth part of the property, mentioned in, and three fourths of which are devised by the Fifth section of this my last will and Testament, to have and hold the same in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Laura Keene D'Unger; the said Trustee to pay over annually to my said daughter the proper part of the profit, and interest derived from the fourth part hereby given and devised unto them in trust for her benefit; But upon the death of her said husband, or if her said husband should be dead at the time of my said wife's death or at the time of my death, if I should survive my said wife, I give, bequeath, and devise the said remaining fourth part of my aforesaid estate unto my said daughter Laura. But if my said daughter Laura should die during the life of her said husband, or during my life, then upon my said wife's death or upon my death, if I should survive my wife, I give that part of my estate aforesaid herein given unto my said daughter, unto her descendants in their proper legal proportions -

**Seventh** - If my aforesaid children Samuel, Eugenie or Lewis, should die during my life, then upon the death of my said wife, or upon my death, if I should survive her, I give the

respective parts herein before devised to them, by the Fifth and Sixth sections of this my last will and Testament, to the respective descendants, each in their legal proportions.

**Eighth** - If before my death, either of my said children, Samuel, Eugenie, Laura, or Lewis should die without descendants, then my aforesaid estate shall be divided among the survivors and the descendants of such of my said children as may have died leaving descendants, in such proportions as I would have given had such death occurred before the making of these presents, that is, giving each child an equal part; the part devolving upon my said daughter Laura to be held in trust for her, or by her in accordance with the Sixth section of this my last will and Testament - The whole of this Eighth section being subject to the provisions of the Third section hereof -

**Ninth** - And I do hereby make, ordain, constitute, and appoint, Samuel J. A. Keene, and William M<sup>c</sup>Kendree Travers, Executors of this my last will and Testament -

In witness whereof I Vachel Keene, the testator, have to this my will set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and sixty seven -

Vachel J Keene 

Signed and sealed, published and declared by the above named Vachel Keene as, and for, his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

John E Applegarth

John D. Meekins

Wm F Applegarth

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 30th. day of June Anno Domini 1865, personally appeared William M. Travers, one of the within named executors, and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Vachel J. Keene late of the said County, deceased, was found among the private papers of the said deceased, since his death, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and Testament of said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

And at the same time, personally appeared William F Applegarth, one of the subscribing witnesses, to the aforesaid last will and Testament of Vachel J. Keene late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witness' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory

and understanding, and that he together with John S. Applegarth (who has since removed to the State of West Virginia) and John D. Meekins (since removed to Baltimore City), the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other -

Certified by E. W. LeCompte  
Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

*Exh.*  
Andrew J. Vincent's last will and testament -  
Filed July 7th. A. D. 1885.

In the name of God Amen; I, Andrew J. Vincent, of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, being feeble in body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby to be better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this, my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried, at the discretion of my friends.

After my debts and funeral charges are paid, and my wife's things are taken out, I devise and bequeath:

*Item.* I give and devise devise unto my son Joseph M. Vincent, Twenty-four acres of land, to be laid off, on the north end of my farm, adjoining the land of my son W. C. Vincent, which was bought of Mary J. Wheatley and Jesse R. Wheatley.

*Item:* I devise that all of my real as well as my personal estate shall be sold by my Executor (except the said twenty four acres devised to my son Joseph) and equally divided between all of my children share and share alike.

And lastly: I do hereby constitute and appoint my Wife and J. H. Bell to be executors of this, my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty five.

Andrew J. Vincent *Seal*

Signed, sealed and declared by Andrew J. Vincent the above named testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Joseph Ellis J. H. Bell

Jacob W. Wheatley

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 7th day of July A. D. 1885, personally appeared Joseph H. Bell, one of the within named executors, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that at this paper instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Andrew J. Vincent late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands, for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

And at the same time, personally appeared Joseph Ellis, Jacob W. Wheatley and Joseph H. Bell, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of Andrew J. Vincent late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they, each of them, saw the said testator sign and seal the said will; that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other -

Sworn to in open Court:

Certified by E. W. LeCompte  
Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

*Exh.*  
William North's last will and testament -  
Filed July 27th. A. D. 1885.

In the name of God; Amen: I William North of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and desirous to settle my worldly affairs do make and publish this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

*Item first.* I give devise and bequeath to my friends Elias Kimmy and Roseann Kimmy his wife all that tract of land or farm upon which they now live, to them and their heirs forever

*Item second:* I give devise and bequeath to my friend Margaret Kinnamon wife of William Kinnamon all that tract of land or farm upon which they now live to her and her heirs forever.

*Item third:* I give devise and bequeath to my friend Thomas M. Flint all my personal estate after paying my just debts funeral expenses &c.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my friend Thomas M. Flint Sole Executor of this my last will and testament  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Sixth day of July Anno Domini 1885

his  
William North Seal  
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Signed, Sealed, published pronounced and declared by the above named testator William North as and for his last Will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto -

Alex. H. Bayly M. D.  
Edward P. Smith  
Georgia T. H. Kimmey

State of Maryland, Worcester County, to wit:

On the 27th day of July Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Thomas M. Flint, the within named executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of William North late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

And at the same time, personally appeared Dr. Alexander H. Bayly, Edward P. Smith and George T. H. Kimmey, the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of William North late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they, and each of them, did see the said testator sign and seal the said will, by making his mark thereto; that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing he was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence and at the request of the said testator, and in the presence of each other -

Certified by E. W. Heberly  
Register of Wills for Worcester County -

Sarah Ann Rawleigh's last will and testament.  
Filed August 4th. A.D. 1885.

In the name of God, Amen - I, Sarah Ann Rawleigh of Worcester County, in the State of Maryland, do make, declare, and publish these presents, as my last will and testament, and I do cancel, annul, and revoke all other and previous wills, testaments, codicils, and testamentary dispositions, of every kind, whenever and wheresoever, made or executed -

I do give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Daisy Helen Todd all the property, real, personal and mixed, of which I may be seized and possessed, or to which I may be or may become entitled, in any manner or form or from any source whatsoever -

And I appoint and constitute Andrew Cook to be the Executor of this, my last will and testament, and in case he shall fail or refuse to act, I request and authorize the Orphans Court to select and appoint some discreet and suitable persons to discharge the duties of said office - And I expressly wish that the said service may be rendered without charge or compensation -

Witness my hand and seal, this 10th day of July in the year 1885

Signed, Sealed & delivered by Sarah Ann Rawleigh in the presence of the undersigned who have subscribed their names hereto as witnesses, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other She declaring the same to be her last will and testament -

Annanda James  
Elizabeth A. Paul  
Rebecca E. Vinton

Sallie A. Rawleigh Seal

State of Maryland, Worcester County, to wit:

On the 4th day of August Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Mrs. Annanda James and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Sarah Ann Rawleigh late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in her hands for safe keeping by the said testatrix, and that, to the best of her knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that she knows of no other of a younger date -

And at the same time, personally appeared Mrs. Annanda James, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Paul and Mrs. Rebecca E. Vinton, the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of Mrs. Sarah Ann Rawleigh late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty

God that they, and each of them, did see the said testatrix sign and seal the said will; that they heard her publish, pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testatrix was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence and at the request of the said testatrix and in the presence of each other -

Certified by E. W. LeCompte  
Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

Exd.

William J. Rook's last will and testament.  
Filed September 1st. AD. 1885.

In the name of God, Amen, I William J. Rook of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following; that is to say.

First and principally, I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor herein after named, and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows -

Item. I give and devise unto Eugene B. Rook my only son my horse and carriage the said Eugene B. Rook by paying therefor the sum of fifty dollars, to go toward paying my debts

Item. I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Mary J. Rook all the real and residuum of my estate both real and personal during her natural life then to my two children Eugene B. Rook and Mary E. Rook and my two grand children as follows viz one third unto my son Eugene B. Rook, one third unto my daughter Mary E. Rook and one third to be equally divided between my two grand children Minnie E. Hardy and Chubb W. Hardy Shaw and Shaw alike. Provided the said Mary J. Rook never marries should the said Mary J. Rook marry then the property is to be divided as above stated

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint Robert B. Mowbray to be sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this, and none other to be my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and eighty five

Wm J Rook Seal

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by William J. Rook the above named testator as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Wm H Lane  
V. H. Jones  
E. A. Warfield

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 1st day of September A.D. 1885, personally appeared Robert B. Mowbray, the above named executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of William J. Rook late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

And at the same time personally appeared Vance H. Jones and Rev. E. A. Warfield, two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of William J. Rook late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they, together with William H. Lane, the other subscribing witness to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other -

Certified by E. W. LeCompte  
Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

John M. Beckwith's last will and testament.  
Filed November 18th. 1885.

In the name of God Amen I John M. Beckwith of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner

and four following that is to say

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth, to be decently buried, After my debts and funeral charges is paid I devise and bequeath as follows

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Beckwith the Farm in barrow neck called Wrights lot and edition

Item 2nd I give to my son Nehemiah Beckwith the Farm where I now reside called Beckwiths regulation to live on during his natural life, and Fancis Beckwith wife of Nehemiah Beckwith to have her dower in the said farm during her natural life

And after Nehemiah Beckwiths death to be equally divided between Lewis M. Beckwith and John M. Beckwith sons of the said Nehemiah Beckwith

Item 3rd I give unto my two grand sons Benjamin Mills and William H. Mills one hundred and fifty dollars each to be paid by the said Nehemiah Beckwith my son after my decease

And lastly this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament in testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and seal this the 23rd day of April 1883

John M. Beckwith Seal

Signed sealed and declared by the abovesaid John M. Beckwith as and for his will and testament in our presence who at his request in his presence and in presence of such others have hereto set our hands as witnesses hereto

Wm H. Travers  
John T. Dawson  
Richard W. Mitchell

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 18th day of November Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Nehemiah Beckwith and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the annexed paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of John M. Beckwith late of the said County, deceased, was found by him among the private effects of the said deceased since his death, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

And at the same time personally appeared William H. Travers, John T. Dawson and Richard W. Mitchell, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed last will and testament of John M. Beckwith late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they, and each of them, did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare

the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other -

Certified by E. W. Leberupte  
Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

Ex'd. William J. Wells Last will and Testament. Filed September 24th 1885.

In the name of God Amen I William J. Wells of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing memory and understanding considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say first and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows

Item 1st To my daughter Sarah Wells I devise and bequeath the house and lot where I lived with all of the out buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging

Item 2nd To my son William J. Wells I devise and bequeath the sum of one dollar to be paid by my executor out of any money that may accrue from my personal effects and no more of my estate

Item 3rd To my wife Margaret A. Wells I devise and bequeath all the rents that may accrue from the house and lot during her widowhood or death whichever may occur first and she to have full possession of the premises during her natural life and at her death to go to my Daughter Sarah Wells to be hers forever after

Item 4th I do hereby appoint Thomas J. Wells my lawful executor as witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of June 1885

Witness John W. Mace his  
John M. Norman William J. Wells Seal  
Jas S. Saunders mark

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 24th day of September Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared John W. Mace and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that

This paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of William J. Wells late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands, for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

And further, that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of his apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with John W. Dorman and James S. Saunders, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other -

Certified by E. W. LeCompte

Register of Wills for Dorchester County -

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 25th. day of September Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared John W. Dorman, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of William J. Wells late of the said County, deceased, and made oath with the help of Almighty God that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will, by making his mark thereto; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witness' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with John W. Dorman and James S. Saunders, the other subscribing witnesses to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other -

Certified by E. W. LeCompte

Register of Wills for Dorchester County.

Exid.

Henry Hubbard, of James, last will and testament.  
Filed October 20th. 1885.

In the name of God, Amen - I Henry Hubbard of James, of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, do hereby make, declare and publish the following, as my last will and testament, revoking and cancelling all other and previous wills or testamentary provisions -

First - I give and devise unto my nephew James Henry Hubbard, the farm whereon, I now reside, known as my Home Place, containing seventy four acres, more or less - it being the

land which I purchased of James Seward and wife - unto him the said James Henry Hubbard in fee simple -

Second - I also, give and bequeath unto the said James Henry Hubbard, all my live stock, farming implements, grain and provisions, being in my said Home Place, at the time of my death, and all the furniture, in the residence, except such articles of said furniture as my wife may desire to select - She, to be allowed to have such articles as she wishes -

Third - I give and devise unto James A. Hubbard, son of Samuel Hubbard the parcel of land whereon he now resides, containing nineteen acres of land, more or less, being the same parcel of land which came to me, from my uncle Henry Hubbard - to him the said James A. Hubbard, in fee simple -

Fourth - I give and devise unto my niece, Elizabeth Ann Phillips, wife of Samuel Phillips, the place or farm where the said Samuel Phillips now resides, bounded on the South (2) side by the lands herein devised unto James Henry Hubbard, and on the north side, by the lands hereinafter devised unto Amelia Jane Hubbard and on the east side by Hudson's Creek, and on the west side, by Brook's Creek to her the said Elizabeth Ann Phillips, in fee simple -

Fifth - I give and devise unto Amelia Jane Hubbard, wife of John Hubbard, all that farm or parcel of land, where Robert James, now resides, and has resided for several years past, and bounded as follows - on the south side, by the lands herein devised unto Elizabeth Ann Phillips; and on the north side by the lands, hereinafter directed to be sold, and on the west side by Brook's Creek and on the east side by Hudson's Creek - containing thirty four acres of land more or less - But a house and lot, containing about a half acre, now occupied by John E. Spedden and Samuel L. Hubbard, is excepted from the lands devised unto the said Amelia Jane Hubbard, and is to belong to the lands, which I purchased of James North, and which I hereinafter direct to be sold -

Sixth - I authorize and direct my executors hereinafter named to sell at public sale, at such time, and such terms as may be reasonable, the lands which I purchased of James North, and including the house and lot, above excepted from the devise unto Amelia Jane Hubbard, which is to be sold thereunto - The proceeds of the said sale to go unto my (3) general estate, and to pass with the residue -

Seventh - I give unto Ara Ann Cook (sometimes called Laura) daughter of Emory Cook - the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid to her by my executors, within twelve months, after my death - and, also, I give unto her, a bed, and the furniture therefor,

and I to that extent limit, my bequest of my furniture unto my nephew James Henry Hubbard - the said bed and furniture, to be selected by my wife, if she be living, and by the said Ann Ann Cook, herself, if I survive my said wife -

Eighth. I give and bequeath unto Julia Thomas, wife of Hugh Thomas, the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid by my executor, within one year from my death

Ninth. I give and bequeath unto Leah Allen (colored) one hundred dollars, to be paid unto her, by my executor, within one year from my death -

Tenth. I give, of the rest and residue of my estate, including the proceeds of the sale of the lands, herein directed to be sold, one half unto my wife Ann Hubbard - and the other half to be divided between the following persons - one fourth thereof unto Mary Applezath widow of George Applezath - one fourth to the children of Milly Marshall one of my deceased sisters, wife of John Marshall, one fourth unto the children of Eliza Seward (another deceased sister) wife of James Seward and the remaining fourth unto the children of my deceased brother James Hubbard, But in the event of my said wife's death before myself, I give and bequeath the one half hereinbefore given unto her, to all my heirs at law, according to the proportion thereof which each one would receive, if I had died intestate as to the said half -

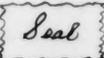
Eleventh. I do hereby appoint, Sewell T. Milbrunn, Attorney at Law, to be the counsel and attorney of my executor hereinafter named or of any person or persons who have the administration of my estate, in all matters and things connected with the execution of this my will or the administration of my said estate -

Twelfth. I do hereby appoint and constitute George H. Applezath and George W. of James to be the executors of this my last will and testament -

Witness my hand and seal, this fourth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy eight -

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us, by Henry Hubbard of James, who requested us to sign the same, as being his last will and testament, and we have signed the same as witnesses in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the said Henry Hubbard of James -

C. Shepherd  
Charles E. Hayward  
L. P. Marshall

Henry Hubbard 

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 20th. day of October Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Edward W. Lebornpte and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the annexed paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Hubbard, of James, late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other will or codicil of a younger date -

Sworn to in open Court:

certified by Solomon F. Kinman Chief Justice  
of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County -

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 20th. day of October Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Charles E. Hayward and Leim P. Marshall, two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of Henry Hubbard, of James, late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they, and each of them, did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that they heard him publicly pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they together with Caleb Shepherd, the other subscribing witness to the said will, who is now deceased, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other -

And the said Charles E. Hayward further makes oath that he was well acquainted with the said Caleb Shepherd for many years previous to his death; that he had transacted much business for and with him and was well acquainted with his hand writing, and that, to the best of his knowledge, the signature of the said C. Shepherd as a witness to the annexed will of the said Henry Hubbard, of James, is the true and genuine signature of the said Caleb Shepherd and that he saw him write the signature aforesaid -

Sworn to in open Court:

certified by E. W. Lebornpte  
Register of Wills for Dorchester County -

James Mills' last will and testament -  
Filed December 8th. 1885.

In the name of God, Amen. J. James Mills

of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, considering the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following - that is to say -

First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth, to be decently buried and after my debts and funeral charges are paid and my wife's things taken out, I devise and bequeath as follows -

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Marilla Sophia Mills one Sewing machine ("Wheeler & Williams") and one bed and bedding, that stands in the sitting room also the large Mahogany dining table with six legs

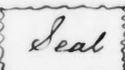
Item. I devise and bequeath to John A. Vane the amount of the note that he owes me -

Item. I devise and bequeath all the rest and residues of my estate to my son James L. Mills -

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Edward P. Smith to be sole executor of this my said will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other, to be my last will and testament

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fifth day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy eight

Signed sealed, published, and declared by James Mills the above named testator as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

James Mills 

John A. Vane  
Josiah Carroll

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On the 7th day of December Anno Domini 1885, personally appeared Edward P. Smith, the within named executor, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that this paper or instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of James Mills late of the said County, deceased, was deposited in his hands for safe keeping by the said testator, and that, to the best of his knowledge, it is the true and whole last will and testament of the said deceased, and that he knows of no other of a younger date -

And at the same time personally appeared John A. Vane, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of James Mills late of the said County, deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he did see the said testator sign and seal the said will; that he heard him publish, pronounce and declare the

same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of so doing the said testator was, to the best of witness' apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that he together with Josiah Carroll, the other subscribing witness to the said will, respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the said will in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in presence of each other -

And he further makes oath that he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Josiah Carroll, who is now dead; that the said will is in his hand writing and that the signature of the said Josiah Carroll as a witness to the aforesaid will is the true and genuine signature of the said Josiah Carroll, and that he saw him make the same -

And at the same time, personally appeared Vance H. Jones and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was well acquainted with Josiah Carroll, one of the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last will and testament of James Mills late of the said County, deceased, during the lifetime of the said Josiah Carroll, who has been dead for over three years or more; that he was quite intimate with said Carroll, had many business transactions with him and has been familiar with his hand writing for many years, and that, to the best of his knowledge, the signature of the said Josiah Carroll as a witness to the aforesaid last will and testament of the said James Mills, deceased, is the true and genuine signature of the said Josiah Carroll, who also appears to have written the will itself -

Testified by E. W. LeCompte  
Registrar of Wills for Dorchester County -

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